

## **CURRICULUM VITAE AND PUBLICATIONS OF DR. GIUSEPPE ACCONCIA**

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### **General information**

Born in Salerno, Italy, June 13st, 1981

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Italian (mother tongue)

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### **Academic qualifications**

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| 2018 | PhD in Politics, Goldsmiths (University of London) - The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions |
| 2012 | Masters in Middle Eastern Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies – SOAS (London)                                    |
| 2005 | Degree (laurea) in Economics, Bocconi University (Milan)   |
| 2003 | Erasmus, Institut de Sciences Politiques (Paris)   |

### **Current positions**

- Post-Doctoral researcher, University of Padova (2017-)
- Lecturer, University of Padova, Geopolitics of the Middle East (2019-2021)
- Lecturer, University of Padova, Media and Social Movements in the Middle East, (2018-2019)
- Teaching Assistant, University of Padova (2017-2020)
- Teaching Assistant, Bocconi University (2013-2018)
- Lecturer, Cattolica University, ASERI Masters in Middle Eastern Studies (2016-2018). Social Movements in the Middle East

### **Other current academic and research positions**

- Scientific Committee, Winter School 2018, 2019 and 2021, University of Padova, "Knowledges of the future. Living in Precarious Times", "Knowledges at risk. Times and Spaces of Globalization", "Times and Spaces of Globalization. Sustainable Global Futures: Knowledge, Democracy and Global Communications".
- Turin School of Local Regulation – Scientific Committee Member (2012- )

**Other past research positions**

- Visiting Scholar, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (UCLA) (2017)
- Research Fellow, Pavia University (2013-2016)
- Research Trainee, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome (2006-2007)

**Other positions**

- DGEXPO, European Parliament – Sakharov Prize (2014). Human Rights Unit.
- Member of the Euro-Mediterranean Unit, UORM, Regione Campania (2007-2009)

**Other Teaching activities**

- Postgraduate and Undergraduate courses (mainly in English): American University in Cairo (AUC); Cattolica University (Milan)
- PhD and Masters Seminars: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Arab Uprisings, Kurdish minority, Iranian civil society (in Italian, English and French); Turin University, Bocconi University, Orientale University, Fisciano, La Sapienza, Padova, Milan, Cagliari, Macerata, Bologna and Roma3 Universities, Institute for Labour Studies Ljubljana.
- Lecturer, Italian Language and Culture: Cairo Italian Institute of Culture, Dante Alighieri (2009-2010).

**Other research activities**

- Member of the Editorial Board, SOCIETY Social Innovation. Empowering the Young for the Common Good
- Supervision, BA and MA Dissertations, Cattolica and Padova University
- Exams and Dissertations Evaluation Committees, Bocconi University, University of Padova

**Other work experiences**

- Italian Embassy in Iran, Internship (Political Unit)

**Media contributions and interviews**

- Rai (Italian State Television), Sky, New York Times, Al-Jazeera, TRT (Turkish State Television), Agi, The Independent, Xinhua News Agency, Al Ahram Weekly, Le Monde Diplomatique, Opendemocracy

**Main national and international research activity**

Full title of research grant	Name of the funding scheme and organization responsible	Role	Duration
POLBIS The Politics and Policy of Basic Income Schemes: lessons from Italian and European cases	University of Padova	Investigator	2020-2022
Young people and students' International and intercultural	University of Padova	Investigator	2018-2020

experiences			
Climate Change. The Experience of EU voluntary instruments	University of Padova	Investigator	2017-2018
SOCIETY Social Innovation. Empowering the Young for the Common Good	Collaborative Research Project, VII Research Framework Programme, European Commission	Investigator	2013-2016

### Research interests

Comparative Politics, Welfare State Policies, International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, Middle Eastern Politics, Social Movements, Migrations, Social Policies, New forms of political participation, Participatory Democracy, Participatory Social Policies, Alternative and Voluntary Networks, State and Transformation in the Middle East, Democratization.

### Selected recent conferences attended (as paper giver, chair or discussant)

2021

“Violenza nei confronti dei giornalisti in Medio Oriente” in “Molestie e attacchi online e offline nei confronti delle foto giornaliste”, University of Padova

“Academic Freedoms of Fixed-Term Researchers in Italy: Politicizing Occupational Precarity” at “Free as a Bird: Academic Precariat and the State of Academic Freedom in the Global North”, Von Humboldt Foundation

“I giovani, le strade e i nuovi movimenti politici in Medio Oriente e Nord Africa dal 2011 a oggi”, Università degli Studi di Milano

“The Egyptian Uprisings Ten Years Later (2011-2021)”, Scholars at Risk Advocacy Seminars, University of Padova

2020

“The Iranian civil society”, Scholars at Risk (SAR) Seminar, University of Padova

“Bridging the gap between the two sides of the Mediterranean”, International Credit Mobility: a New Challenge in the Mediterranean Region (ICMED) Conference, University of Oran, Algeria

“I conflitti in Medio Oriente”, Seminar, Ca’ Foscari University, Venice

2019

“The Uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia”, Semana Arabe 2019, UNAM, Mexico City

“The Kurdish Partition”, ICAS 2019, Leiden University

“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Conference

“War and Social Movements”, University of New York

“Il nazionalismo arabo in Egitto e Siria: istituzioni, pratiche, idee e campi di lotta sociale”, SESAMO 2019, University of Torino

“Bridging the gap between the two sides of the Mediterranean”, Winter School 2019, University of Padova

2018

“Problems of Scientific Freedoms in Modern and Contemporary History”, “Academic Labor in Italy: Politicizing Precarity” in “The Structural Challenges Facing Academic Freedoms and Knowledge Production – the Impact of Precarious Work”, Frankfurt University

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Mobilization and Demobilization of Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, IPSA 2018, Brisbane

“Syrian and Palestinian migrant communities in contemporary Egypt. Positive and negative conceptions in building-up a national identity” in the panel on “Migrants and Movements”, SISP 2018, University of Torino, paper giver, organizer and chair

“The Uprisings in Egypt”, Seminar, Trento University

“Le primavere arabe: sette anni dopo”, Seminar, University of Padova

“Arabic thought against the Authoritarian Age”, discussant, Pise Lectures, Ca’ Foscari University

“Middle East Security: For whom? By whom? Of whom?”, discussant, University of Padova

“L’Iran dalla rivoluzione khomeinista alle proteste del 2018”, Seminar, University of Turin

“Governing through enabling? Global environmental change and EU voluntary networks”, Paper presented (with Ekaterina Domorenok), Climate Change Conference, University of Padova

“Women Protection Units: the Kurdish Resistance in Rojava”, Winter School, University of Padova

“The Kurds in Italy: the Reshaping of a Transnational Identity”, SESAMO conference, University of Padova

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Mediterranean Studies Conference, Sant’Anna, Sorrento

“The Uprisings in Egypt: the case of the LGBT community”, Beyond Planetary Apartheids, ICS, CEI-IUL, Lisbon

“The Kurds in Italy: the Reshaping of a Transnational Identity”, The Migration Conference, Lisbon (with Giovanni Olesen)

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Mobilisation and Demobilisation of Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, WOCMES, Seville

“Migrants and Movements: the Reshaping of National and Transnational Identities in the MENA Countries”, WOCMES, Seville, chair and discussant

## 2017

“Human Rights Violations in Syrian Kurdistan”, paper presented at the conference “Academic Freedom and Politics”, Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München and Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung (Germany)

“Salafism and Radicalisation. The Egyptian case”, paper presented at the conference “Terrorismo, violenza politica e radicalizzazione”, University of Padova

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Seminar, Goldsmiths College, University of London

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Paper presented at Alternative Futures and Popular Protests Conference, Manchester University (UK)

“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference “Movement and Migration in the Middle East: People and Ideas in Flux”, Edinburgh University

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Paper presented at the Mesnet Conference, Exeter University (UK)

“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Paper presented at

the ECPR Conference in the panel on “Authoritarian International Politics and Security”, Oslo University

“New Spaces for Democratic Practices”, Panel Chair, ECPR Conference, Oslo University

“Governing through enabling? Global environmental change and EU voluntary networks”, Paper presented (with Ekaterina Domorenok) and discussant in the Panel “The Many Crises of Europe. Structural Weaknesses, New Challenges and the Politics of the European Union” at the SISP conference, Urbino

“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Paper presented at the DOT 2017 Conference in the panel “Syria: from Arab Spring to Civil War to an unknown future”, Jena University

## 2016

“Human Rights Violations in Egypt”, Paper presented at the EUI Conference “Rethinking the Middle East”, Fiesole (Florence)

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference “Middle East through Time, Space and Cyberspace”, Lampeter (UK)

“The Uprisings in Egypt”, Paper presented at the “5 Years After the Arab Uprisings” Conference, Birkbeck University, London

“The Arab Uprisings: Left-wing activism, social movements and wars in the Middle East”, Paper presented at Institute for Labour Studies, May Day Conference “Religion and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa”,

Ljubljana

“Syrian and Palestinian migrant communities in contemporary Egypt. Positive and negative conceptions in building-up a national identity”, Paper presented at SESAMO Conference, “Migrants: Communities, Borders, Memories, Conflicts”, University of Catania

## 2015

MESA Conference, Denver

“The Arab Uprisings”, Paper presented at “Crossing Boundaries” Conference, La Sapienza, Rome

“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy: the Cases of two Disadvantaged Areas in Milan and Naples”, Paper presented (with Paolo Graziano) at the “Youth on the Move?” Conference, Maynooth (Ireland)

“The Kurdish Issue”, Seminar, Roma3 University

“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy”, Paper presented at Society Conference, Amsterdam

“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy: the Cases of Lombardy and Campania”, Society Plenum, European Parliament (Brussels)

## 2014

“The Youth Guarantee in Lombardy and Campania”, Paper presented at the Society Conference, Wien

“The Kurds in the Middle East”, Seminar, University L'Orientale, Naples

“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy”, Society Conference, Ghent Power to Youth, Rome

2013

SESAMO, Pavia

“The Uprisings in Egypt”, Seminar, University L'Orientale, Naples

**SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS OF  
GIUSEPPE ACCONCIA**

<https://unibocconi.academia.edu/GiuseppeAcconcia>

[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Giuseppe\\_Acconcia](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Giuseppe_Acconcia)

**Authored, Peer Reviewed Books**

“The Uprisings in Egypt. The Mobilisation and Ban of Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle, 2019.

“The Great Iran. The Iranian Civil Society from Qajar Iran to Rouhani”, Padova University Press, Padova, 2018.

**Other Books**

“Il Grande Iran”, Exorma, Roma, 2017.

“Egitto. Democrazia militare”, Exorma, Roma, 2014.

“La primavera egiziana”, Infinito, Roma, 2012.

**Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

*Academic Labor in Italy: Politicizing Precarity* in Roth R. and Vatansever A. *Scientific Freedom under Attack. Political Oppression, Structural Challenges, and Intellectual Resistance in Modern and Contemporary History*, Campus Verlag, 2020.

*Introduzione* in G. Acconcia and M. Mercuri (eds.), “Migrazioni nel Mediterraneo. Dinamiche, identità e movimenti”, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2019.

*Nazionalismi, populismi e comunità migranti in Egitto e Siria* in G. Acconcia and M. Mercuri (eds.), “Migrazioni nel Mediterraneo. Dinamiche, identità e movimenti”, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2019.

*Le diaspore curde in Italia* in G. Acconcia and M. Mercuri (eds.), “Migrazioni nel Mediterraneo. Dinamiche, identità e movimenti”, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2019 (with Giovanni Olesen).

**Other Book Chapters**

*Prefazione* in Montesanto A., Acconcia G. *A voce alta. La libertà di espressione nel mondo*, Kanaga Edizioni, Monza, 2020.

*Prefazione* in Montesanto A. *Visioni periferiche. La narrazione dell'hinterland in Italia e nel mondo*, Multimage, Roma, 2020.

*Egitto* in Giacomo Bottos et alii, "Il trono di sabbia. Stato, nazioni e potere in Medio Oriente", Rosenberg & Sellier, Torino, 2019 (with Gabriele Sirtori).

*The Youth Guarantee in Italy - A comparison study in Lombardy and Campania*, in Otto, H et al. *Empowering Young People in Disempowering Times, Fighting Inequality Through Capability Oriented Policy*, Edward Elgar, London, 2017 (with Paolo R. Graziano).

*Improving the quality of life of disadvantaged young people in Europe* in Otto, H et al. *Empowering Young People in Disempowering Times, Fighting Inequality Through Capability Oriented Policy*, Edward Elgar, London, 2017.

*The Third Sector and Capability-promoting policies*, in Otto, H. et al. *Capability-Promoting Policies, Enhancing Individual and Social Development*, Policy Press, Bristol, 2018 (with Paolo R. Graziano and Enrica Chiappero).

*Youth Guarantee: The Cases of Milan and Naples*, in F. Becchis, A. Asquer and D. Russolillo (eds), "The Political Economy of Local Regulation", New York-London, Palgrave, 2017 (with Paolo R. Graziano).

*Jordan*, in M. Ferrara, R. Mavilia and V. Talbot, (eds), "Politics, International Relations and Cooperation in the Mediterranean Area", Milan, Rubbettino, 2012.

#### Peer reviewed Articles

"Protest Demobilization In Post-Revolutionary Settings: Trajectories To Counter-Revolution And To Democratic Transition", *Political Studies* (with Pilati K., et alii).

"Experiments in EU climate governance: the unfulfilled potential of the Covenant of Mayors", *Global Environmental Politics*, Vol. 20 N. 4, 2020 (with Domorenok E. et alii).

"Variety of groups and protests in repressive contexts: the 2011 Egyptian uprisings and their aftermath", *International Sociology*, 2020 (with Pilati K.).

"Between organization and spontaneity of protests: the 2010–2011 Tunisian and Egyptian uprisings", *Social Movement Studies*, Vol. 18 N. 4, 2019 (with Pilati K., Suber D. L., Chennaoui H.).

#### Scientific Articles

"Interculturality and language in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange", *European Journal of Language Policy*, Vol. 11 Issue 2, 2019 (with F. Helm).

"The 2011 Uprisings in the Middle East: a Left-Wing Awakening", *CKZ*, 2019.

"Baffi e parrucche. Vivere lo sport in Iran", *Zapruder*, vol. 48, 2019.

"L'Iran tra continuità e distensione", *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 5, 2017, pp.

876-883.

“Iran, la vittoria moderata e la fine delle sanzioni”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 3, 2016, pp. 529-536.

“La Libia fra petrolio, migranti e jihad”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 2, 2015, pp. 335-343.

“Il Kurdistan non è vicino”, *Limes*, Roma, Vol. 9, 2015, pp. 181-188.

“L’Egitto di al-Sisi”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 4, 2014, pp. 641-650.

“La politica estera iraniana e l’accordo sul nucleare”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 1, 2014, pp. 118-126.

“Iran, la svolta moderata”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 4, 2013, pp. 697-704.

#### **Book Reviews**

“The Kurds of Syria”, *Le monde diplomatique*, 12/2014. “The

Arab Uprisings”, *Le monde diplomatique*, 12/2013.

“The Autonomous Identity of the Lebanese Shiite Community”, *The International Spectator*, Routledge, 2007.

#### **Other selected publications**

“From the Revolution we learned to be united”, *Socialist Workers*, 2018.

“Is the Rojava dream at risk?”, *MERIP*, 2018.

“Strikes, Protests and Egyptian Nights of Curfew”, *Opendemocracy*, 2017.

“The Shrinking Independence of the Egypt’s Labor Unions”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, 2016.

“Garanzia Giovani: tempo di bilanci”, *Sbilanciamoci*, 2015 (with Paolo Graziano)

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